

GENERAL ORDERS, }
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
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The following Act of Congress is published for the information of all concerned:

PUBLIC—No. 44.

AN ACT to amend section nine of the act approved July seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act to define the pay and emoluments of certain officers of the Army, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rank of Chaplain, without command, in the regular and volunteer service of the United States, is hereby recognized. Chaplains shall be borne on the field and staff rolls next after the Surgeons, and shall wear such uniform as is or may be prescribed by the Army Regulations, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as other officers of the Army. They shall be entitled to draw forage for two horses, and when assigned to hospitals, posts, and forts, they shall be entitled to quarters and fuel within the hospitals, posts, or forts, while they are so assigned, without the privilege of commutation, subject to the same conditions and limitations as are now by law provided in the case of Surgeons. When absent from duty with leave, or on account of sickness or other disability, or when held by the enemy as prisoners, they shall be subject to no other diminution or loss of pay and allowances than other officers in the military service are under like circumstances. And Chaplains who have been absent from duty by reason of wounds or sickness, or when held as prisoners in the hands of the enemy, shall be entitled to receive full pay, without rations, during such absence. In all other respects the pay of Chaplains shall be the same as now provided by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the act approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act to grant pensions," is hereby so amended as to include Chaplains in the regular and volunteer forces of the Army: *Provided,* That the pension to which a Chaplain shall be entitled for a total disability shall be twenty dollars per month, and all the provisions of the act to which this section is an amendment shall apply to and embrace the widows, children, mothers, and sisters of Chaplains of the land forces who have died since the

fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or shall die, of wounds or disease contracted in the service of the United States, and while such Chaplains are, or shall be, in the line of their duty.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of Chaplains in the military service of the United States to make monthly reports to the Adjutant General of the Army, through the usual military channels, of the moral condition and general history of the regiments, hospitals, or posts to which they may be attached; and it shall be the duty of all commanders of regiments, hospitals, and posts, to render such facilities as will aid in the discharge of the duties assigned to them by the Government.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all Chaplains in the military service of the United States shall hold appropriate religious services at the burial of soldiers who may die in the command to which they are assigned to duty, and it shall be their duty to hold public religious services at least once each Sabbath, when practicable.

Approved April 9, 1864.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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